

NEWS: Autumn 2006

CYT and Skanska Partner on Community Engagement

We are delighted to announce that the Trust has been chosen as a charity partner for Skanska's 50 Queen Anne's Gate project, a Land Securities site. Skanska and members of their supply chain are working with the Trust to ensure that local communities have the opportunity to learn more about construction.

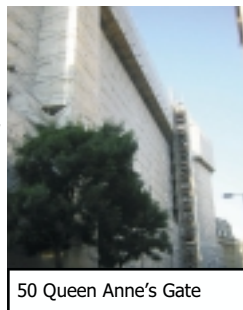
The partnership includes work experience on the site for CYT beneficiaries, working with local schools to introduce students to construction, including site visits, career days and work shadowing for teachers.

In addition we are also producing curriculum materials centred around BREEAM, a process used to assess the environmental performance of buildings.

"We are delighted with the commitment and support Skanska and their supply chain have shown. The work at 50 Queen Anne's Gate ensures that projects of this scale can provide real benefit to local residents and, in particular, engage with young people to give them vital experience of the industry."

Philip Wildman, Trust Director

For more information please contact Gail Cunningham, our new Fundraising and Communications Manager on 020 7227 4566.



50 Queen Anne's Gate



Helping Combat Disadvantage

CITB-ConstructionSkills Alliance

Our partnership with CITB-CS goes from strength to strength. We continue to work with employers and regeneration partners on increasing the number of women and ethnic minorities entering the sector. A facet of this work includes supporting Inspire Scholarships for undergraduates. This year we have recruited 24 young people from East London who are starting built environment degrees in the autumn.

Over the last year the Alliance has broadened to include work on adult entrants and upskillers, programme-led apprenticeships and training for careers workers about the sector.

For more information contact Christine Townley, Project Development Manager on 020 7227 4564.

Land Securities Donation

We are delighted to announce that Land Securities has donated **£20,000** to the Trust.

Francis Salway, Group Chief Executive of Land Securities said; "Land Securities understands the importance of creating sustainable communities and the critical role young people play in the process. We are pleased to give our support to the Construction Youth Trust, which is helping young people to learn new skills and thereby make a real contribution to the industry and their own communities."

Watch this space in future newsletters for more information on our relationship with Land Securities.

Confidence and Employability Training Across the Country

Research has shown that women and ethnic minority graduates do not progress into, or through, the construction sector as well as their white male counterparts.

In an effort to combat this, the Trust, as part of its alliance with CITB-ConstructionSkills, ran the second in a series of one day confidence and employability courses, held at the University of Central England in May. The course included interview skills, employer feedback, CVs and question and answer sessions with role models. The next events are due to take place at London South Bank University on the 20th October and Liverpool John Moore's University on the 24th October.

If you are a student or local employer keen to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Emily English on 020 7227 4565.



Students at the first confidence & employability course.

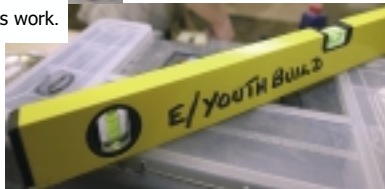
Essex Youthbuild



Sheridan with his work.

Essex Youthbuild, a project CYT supports, engages persistent young offenders in full-time work-based construction training. The project, set up in 2004, delivers City & Guilds Multi-craft Construction Skills courses, with the aim of progression into employment in the industry.

Here we can see Sheridan working on a memorial garden bench. Sheridan came to Essex Youthbuild after failing to complete a course with another local training provider. He has now completed his Community Rehabilitation Order and is working through an Anti-Social Behaviour Order that is still in place.



His ambition is to become a carpenter like his grandfather. Jethro Bogdanov from the Young Offenders Team is very impressed with his progress; *"He has engaged fully in the course producing a very good standard of work. I have no doubt that given the opportunity he will reach his goal and become a carpenter, a very good carpenter."*

Women into Construction

CYT attended the third in a series of *Women into Construction* events on the 27th and 28th June held at the College of North West London. The event mixed practical demonstrations with information stands from a range of stakeholders including colleges, training providers, employers, Job Centre Plus and other support organisations to demonstrate the opportunities available in the sector.

This series is an initiative driven by the seven London Centres of Vocational Excellence in Construction (Coves) and this recent event follows similar days staged at Lambeth College in April and the Building Crafts College in February.

Peter Lakin, Lambeth's Cove manager commented on the April event *"The wave of interest took us all by surprise, and by the end of a very hectic, non-stop day we had taken details from 170 people. A big thank you to all involved for making it such a success."*



Shard End Community Project - Update

In 2002 the Trust supported The Prince of Wales Shard End Community Building Project. The vision of HRH The Prince of Wales was to create an outstanding community centre which would act as the focus and inspiration for the development of young people in the area. Not only that, but young people themselves would be involved in the design and build of the project.



Since 2005 over 40 local young people have been trained as part of the project. Since January around 12 trainees have been helping with the build on site.

Building firm Thomas Vale is the main contractor, and is offering young people training and employment on the project. Nick Goslin, 17 (pictured

"The Pump is a terrific opportunity for young people to show what they're capable of.....by involving them at every stage we've created something we can all be proud of." Anne Cranstone, Project Director, The Pump.

right), is a trainee carpenter. *"This is a great project to work on and is giving me a real chance to make a career in carpentry."*

The Centre is due to open in Winter 2006 and will include a recording studio, facilities for theatre and dance performances, a cyber cafe, crèche and access to a range of support services.



Nick Goslin outside the Shard End site.

Building Magazine Raises £5000



CYT was delighted to be chosen as the recipient for the Charity Casino at Building Magazine's Health & Safety awards on the 22nd June. It was a fantastic evening and the casino raised over £5,000 towards the Trust's work.

We would like to say a big thank you to Building and of course to everyone who played along on the night.

New Addition to Mobile Family

CYT has played a leading part in creating a new idea for vocational education, a mobile classroom supporting the teaching of skills related to heating and ventilation.

Mobile construction classrooms were the brainchild of Surrey EBP, whose initial pilot in 2004 was sponsored by BAA. The addition of an M & E van, an idea originating from CYT, brings the fleet total to four, three of which have been supported by the Trust. This van's alternative syllabus will highlight an area of the industry less well known to students, but no less in need of new blood.



School Pupils from Oxted using the third van.



One of three Mobile Construction Classrooms partly funded by CYT.

Philip Wildman, Trust Director, and Richard Allen, Operations Director of Surrey EBP, have worked tirelessly to gather interested parties and secure funding from industry, charitable bodies and from the Learning & Skills Network. The AG Manly Trust has been a major contributor of funding and its involvement has permitted preparatory work to go ahead with confidence. A number of organisations have been involved in the management and funding of the van including Axima Building Services, Gratte Brothers, MITIE Engineering Services, MJN Colson and HVCA. The van will begin operation in September. For more information, contact Philip on 020 7227 4562.

CYT Flies Into Terminal 5



Rod Bennion, Trust Chair thanks Tony Douglas & BAA for their hospitality.

In February a party of Trust supporters and beneficiaries accompanied our Chairman Rod Bennion and Director Philip Wildman to visit Terminal 5, courtesy of BAA. The project was of great interest to our guest of honour and Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester, who was delighted to have the opportunity to speak with some of the students we support. Tony Douglas, Managing Director of the Terminal 5 programme, gave a brief overview of the project, then escorted the guests on a tour of the site itself.



CYT Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester with Trust Bursary Students Amy Heisler and Cecilia Mall.

Cecilia Mall, a current bursary holder who is studying architecture at Westminster attended the event. *"It is very different to view the terminal from up close and inside rather than from pictures and text, so this definitely gave me a better understanding of T5 and allowed me the opportunity to see a project under construction."*

A big thank you to Tony Douglas and all involved at BAA for the opportunity and to all those who attended.

Where Are They Now?

SEVIL

Sevil graduated with her RIBA Part 1 Qualification in 2005. She received financial help in her third year when even with maximum LEA funding, her own savings and some parental contribution, she was facing financial hardship.



Sevil is currently working as a junior at international architects Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates, working on the total campus rebuild of Imperial College

London. Speaking about the world of work she comments *"I am really enjoying my year in industry. The work I do is varied so it is really good experience and the office has a great team atmosphere."*

SCOTT

Scott received a grant from CYT during his last year at university. In 2005 he graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a Masters of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering and joined Network Rail as a graduate Civil Engineer.



"I spent my first three months working with the track maintenance team at Paisley which gave me great hands-on experience. One of the main projects I worked on was the renewal of a level crossing at Stevenston. It was extremely satisfying to see a project develop from design through to fruition."

"It is with sincere gratitude that I thank the Trust, I simply couldn't have done it without you!"

Adult Entrants and Upskillers

As part of our alliance with CITB-ConstructionSkills we are currently funding four pilot programmes across the UK concerning adult entrants and upskillers. Working with Carillion Plc, Lovell Partnerships Ltd, Bovis Lend Lease and Constructing Futures of Brighton and Hove City College, we are exploring ways in which to support and encourage those over 25 into construction.

Gillian is one such entrant, who gained experience and employment via the Bovis pilot. She started her working life as a music journalist after University and then spent time teaching. After becoming disenchanted with her career she decided to study an ICA in Carpentry and Joinery. Gillian was finding it hard to secure the work experience needed to convert her ICA into an NVQ.



Gillian with the Brown and Carroll Team at their workshop in Wickford.

"I completed two weeks work experience at Brown and Carroll Joinery Solutions. I worked on a variety of projects whilst learning new skills that increased my confidence greatly. It's been a thoroughly worthwhile experience that has enabled me to gain the qualification I drastically needed to enhance my CV."

Brown and Carroll were so impressed with Gillian that they have given her six weeks paid employment and say she is the best trainee they have had in five years. Gillian has now returned to college to complete her NVQ 3 but still does occasional work for the firm when available.

Football Fans Raise Money For Trust

In March a party of CYT supporters went to watch the Chelsea V Manchester City football match in a Corporate Box courtesy of Speedy Hire Plc. Speedy donated the box for auction at the Specialist Contractors and QS Awards back in 2005. We would like to thank Speedy for their generous donation, bid winners The John Doyle Group and Lakesmere Plc, and QS News and CMP Information for the opportunity. A grand total of £4,000 was raised and a good time was had by all!



Do you have corporate gifts or raffle prizes you would like to donate to the Trust? If so we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Gail on 020 7227 4566.

Tower Hamlets Careers Day

The Trust was delighted to help organise a well attended "Careers in Construction" morning at Tower Hamlets College, London, this June. Sixth Formers from across the borough attended to learn more about the industry. Arup, RyderHKS, Skanska and Wates all kindly gave their time to present to the students and demonstrate what working in this exciting industry has meant to them.

Trust Director, Philip Wildman commented *"It is great to see that proactive schools are demonstrating the breath of opportunity the built environment has to offer; all too often people think construction is just about dirty boots and wet concrete"*.

Jenny Smith of Tower Hamlets Educational Board commented *"We would like to say a massive thank you to all the companies who participated, they really pulled out all the stops. The pupils loved the interactive nature of the day and over half of those who attended are now thinking seriously about a career in the industry"*.

Tower Hamlets are keen to run a similar event incorporating neighbouring Hackney and Newham. If you are an employer keen to participate in similar events we would love to hear from you. Please contact Emily on 020 7227 4565.

Construction Youth Trust Christmas Concert

On Thursday 7th December the Trust will host its 14th Annual Christmas Concert in the spectacular surroundings of the Carpenters' Hall in central London. This glamorous black tie event is a highlight of the construction calendar, with a number of senior industry figures attending. Guests also have the opportunity to meet beneficiaries of the Trust's work. The evening begins with a champagne reception, followed by the concert given by junior musicians from the Royal College of Music, and a buffet dinner.

Corporate packages and individual tickets are available and selling quickly. To reserve your tickets and for further information please contact Gail on 020 7227 4566 or Gail.Cunningham@theCC.org.uk



CYT Bursary Students with Trust Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester at last year's concert.

PS - don't miss our special "early bird" offer for bookings received before 29th September!

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